Motion granted 4/27/12. Counsel for the parties will be advised via e-mail of the Court's contact information.

s/   James S. Gwin

JAMES S. GWIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

BRUCE WHITE, on behalf of himself and all others similarly situated	)))	CASE NO. 1:11-CV-02615
Plaintiffs,	)))	JUDGE: JAMES S. GWIN
vs.	))	
CRST, INC.	)))	**JOINT MOTION TO PERMIT TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE AT THE STATUS CONFERENCE**
Defendant.	)	

Plaintiff, Bruce White ("Plaintiff") and Defendant CRST, Inc. ("CRST") (collectively the "Parties") pursuant to Local Rule 16.3(d), respectfully request that the Court excuse the personal attendance of the Plaintiff and CRST's insurance carrier representative at the Status Conference scheduled for May 8, 2012, and, instead, allow them to attend telephonically. Even though telephonic attendance is being requested herein, lead counsel for the Parties as well as CRST's General Counsel will be attending the Status Conference in person.

Local Rule 16.3(d) provides that "The parties, each of whom will have settlement authority, and lead counsel of record must participate in the Status Conference. The parties must participate in person unless, upon motion with good cause shown or upon its own motion, the Judicial Officer allows the parties to be available for telephonic communication." Here, the Plaintiff resides in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and CRST's insurance carrier representative is located in New York, NY and as such, both would incur the burden and expense of travel and a potential overnight stay if they were required to attend the Status Conference in person.

This Motion is not meant to delay these proceedings. Instead, and as set forth in the Joint Motion to Modify Case Management Schedule (Document 24), the Parties are still in the process of identifying, collecting and/or reviewing voluminous electronically stored information and due to the documentation already exchanged, Plaintiff may be filing a Motion for Leave to File his